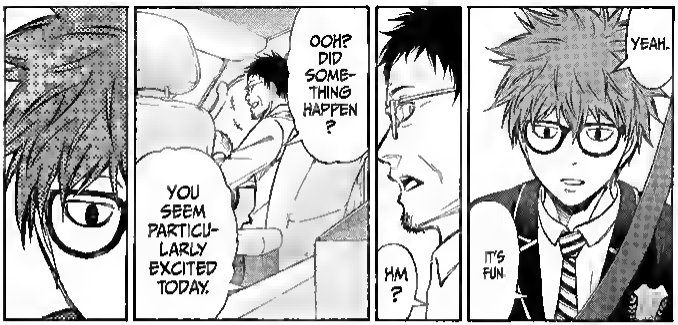
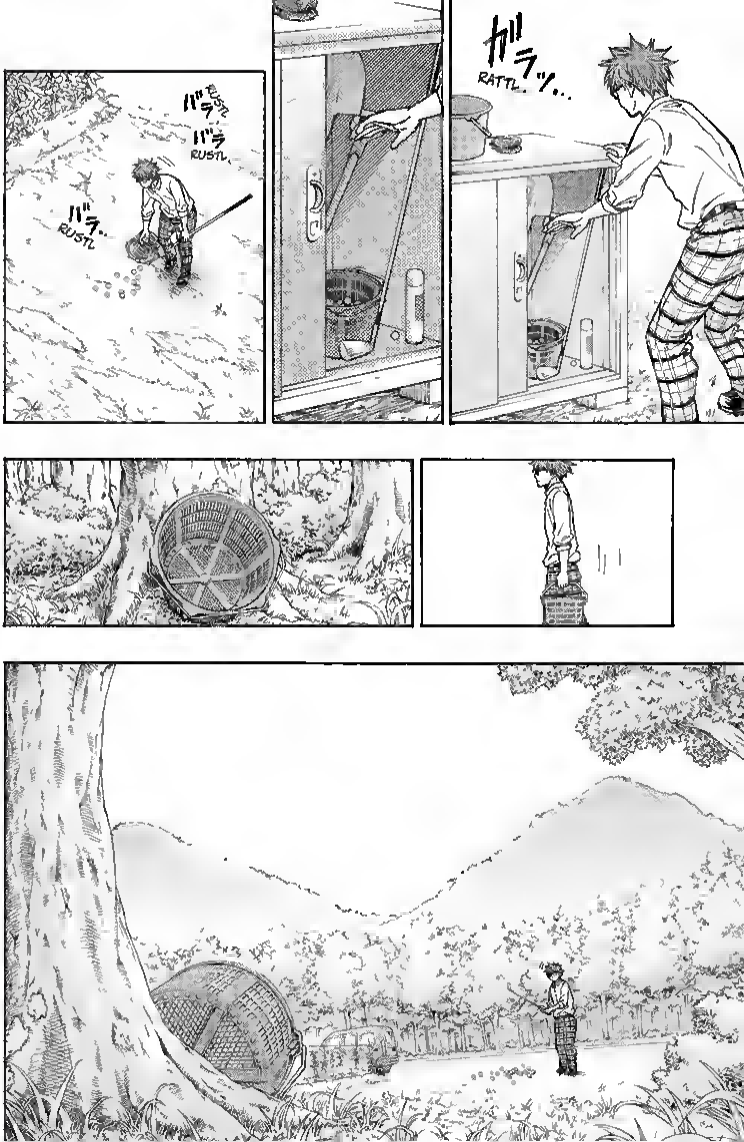
HOW HAVE YOU BEEN LATELY, ROBATO?
IS SCHOOL FUN?


YEAH.
IT'S FUN.
HM?
OOH? DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
YOU SEEM PARTICULARLY EXCITED TODAY.

DAD.
IS GOLF FUN?
HMM?
GOLF?
HAH!
SKREE
YEAH, IT'S FUN!
I WAS, WELL, SUPER INTO IT!
I WAS SO INTO IT THAT YOUR MOM GOT UPSET WITH ME
OH.
THEN NEVER MIND...
WHAT?!
If Mom's going to get upset...
SO WHILE I'M PICKING THE VEGGIES, YOU CAN GO KILL SOME TIME LIKE YOU USUALLY DO.
OKAY.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HM ...?
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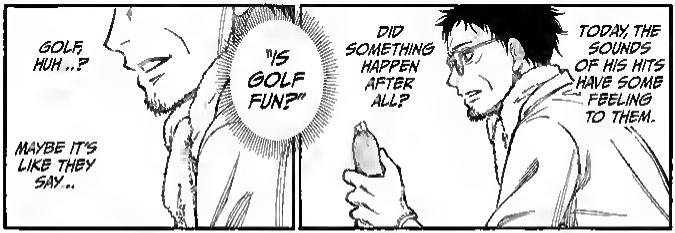

GOLF, HUH..?
"IS GOLF FUN?"
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN AFTER ALL?
TODAY, THE SOUNDS OF HIS HITS HAVE SOME FEELING TO THEM.
MAYBE IT'S LIKE THEY SAY..

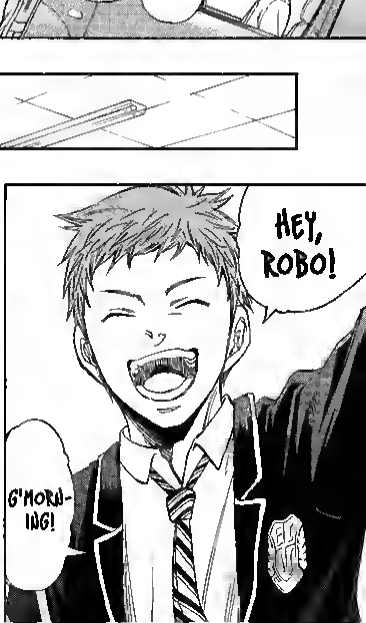
...THE APPLE DOESN'T FALL FAR FROM THE TREE.
THOK
TMP

I'LL SEE YOU AT THE SHOP ON YOUR WAY HOME
OKAY
SEE YOU LATER
SKREE

GLOOM
WOW, EXACTLY LIKE A ROBOT ...!!
HMM, HE'S DEFINITELY MY SON.
Just like his nickname
I'M 20 SECONDS LATER THAN USUAL, SO I NEED TO GO.
WHAT?!
HUH? OH, SORRY
ALSO, ROBATO... I'M.

GOOD MORNING
FUFU

BY THE WAY, DID YOU SEE?! THIS WEEK'S GOLF DIGEST!!
NO, I DIDN'T SEE IT, BUT...
I'M TROUBLED THAT YOU ASK THAT AS IF I'M A REGULAR READER OF THAT MAGAZINE...


HEY, ROBO!
G'MORNING!

Choose the right club for you!!
<Special Issue>
WEEKLY GOLF DIGEST
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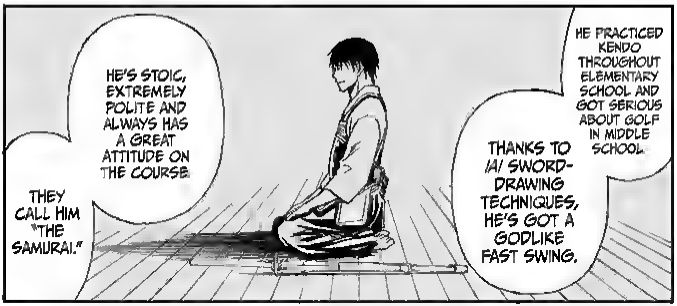
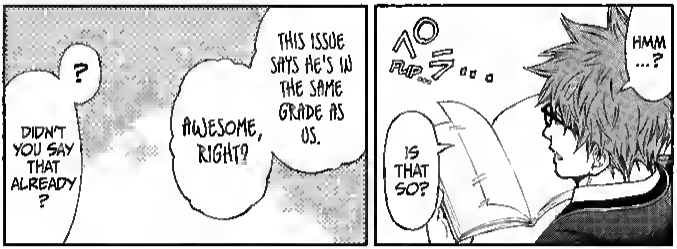
ダイジェスト
The significance of the half swing!
Anyone can make the ball fly
How this high school student learned to
IT'S YOZAN MIURA!
WE TALKED ABOUT HIM BEFORE, REMEMBER? HE'S IN THE MAGAZINE AND IS EVEN FEATURED AS THE LEAD STORY!
THIS ISSUE SAYS HE'S IN THE SAME GRADE AS US.
AWE-SOME, RIGHT?

*With the cooperation of *Weekly Golf Digest*


HE'S STOIC, EXTREMELY POLITE AND ALWAYS HAS A GREAT ATTITUDE ON THE COURSE.
THEY CALL HIM "THE SAMURAI."
HE PRACTICED KENDO THROUGHOUT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND GOT SERIOUS ABOUT GOLF IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.
THANKS TO /A/ SWORD-DRAWING TECHNIQUES, HE'S GOT A GODLIKE FAST SWING.



TOMOYA, YOU OFTEN SAY YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND ME.
...BUT THERE ARE TIMES WHEN I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU EITHER.
ばぁーん TA-DAH!
THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULD PLAY GOLF, ROBO!
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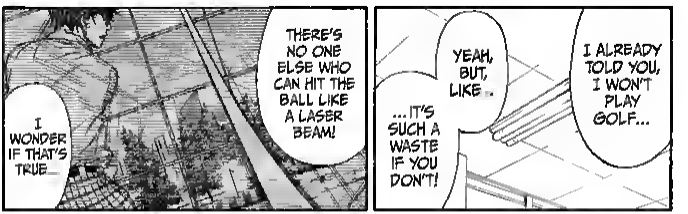
I WONDER IF THAT'S TRUE...
THERE'S NO ONE ELSE WHO CAN HIT THE BALL LIKE A LASER BEAM!
... IT'S SUCH A WASTE IF YOU DON'T!
YEAH, BUT, LIKE...
I ALREADY TOLD YOU, I WON'T PLAY GOLF...

NO... IT'S OKAY...
WOO! IT'S DECIDED !!
A DRIVER IS THE BEST CLUB FOR MAKING THE BALL FLY OFF THE TEE!
Senpai mentioned it before.
IT FEELS REALLY NICE TO HIT WITH.
BY THE WAY, ROBO!
DO YOU WANT TO TRY TO HIT WITH A DRIVER?
YOU SAY "BY THE WAY" LIKE YOU'RE NOT STILL TALKING ABOUT GOLF...
What's a driver?

...I'LL FIRST HAVE TO SHOW HIM HOW FUN GOLF IS ON ITS OWN!
HA HA HA... ROBO DOESN'T LIKE THE IDEA OF GOLF AS A SPORT, SO...
I guess I don't have a choice...
HUH?
LIKE I SAID, I DON'T...
Are you even listening?
IT'S FINE YOU'RE FREE, RIGHT?
There's another practice range nearby
LET'S GO TO THE PRACTICE RANGE AGAIN AFTER SCHOOL!
THE "SHOW HIM LITTLE BY LITTLE HOW FUN GOLF IS, AND WHEN HE FINALLY REALIZES IT, IT'S WELCOME TO THE GOLF CLUB" PLAN!
I CALL IT...
AND THEN, LITTLE BY LITTLE, HE'LL GET INTO IT AND BE ON THE PATH TO JOINING THE GOLF CLUB.
Sort of...
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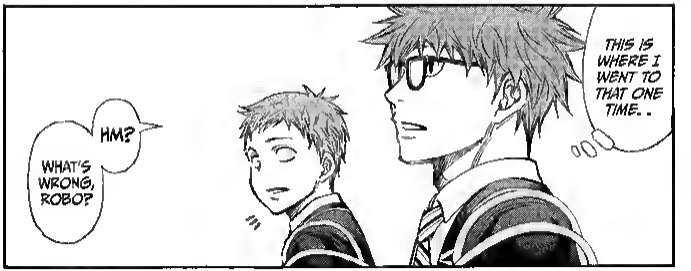
OVER HERE!
IT'S CLOSE, RIGHT?
It's a little small though
HUH...?
THIS PLACE


THIS IS WHERE I WENT TO THAT ONE TIME. .
HM?
WHAT'S WRONG, ROBO?

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THE OTHER DAY WHEN TOMOYA INVITED ME TO PLAY, I RANDOMLY AGREED TO GO, BUT..
IF I MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT THAT, IT'LL PROBABLY BE A PAIN, SO I'LL JUST KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT

EVERYONE HERE IS AN OLD MAN WHO JUST COMES TO PLAY AS A HOBBY.
I'VE BEEN COMING HERE EVERY DAY AT THE SAME TIME, BUT...
...I'VE YET TO MEET HIM.
COMPETITIVE GOLFERS DON'T REALLY COME HERE

IT'S BEEN A WEEK SINCE THAT DAY...
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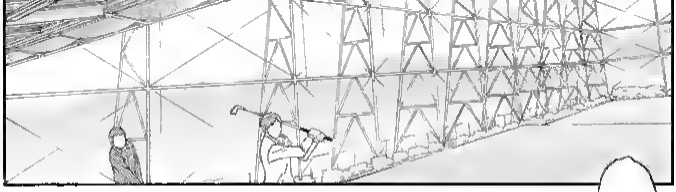
SIGH

OH WELL... I GIVE UP
BASED ON HIS TALENT ALONE...
.. THERE'S A CHANCE WE COULD MEET AT A MATCH ONE DAY
IF WE WERE TO MEET, I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF PERSON HE'D BE... BUT...
...I'D DEFI-NITELY BEAT HIM!
MY GOAL IS TO BE KNOWN AROUND THE WORLD...
...AS THE NUMBER ONE GOLFER!
IF I'M GOING TO GET THERE...
...I CAN'T LOSE TO ANYONE!!



OKAAAY !!
OKAY, HERE IT IS. .

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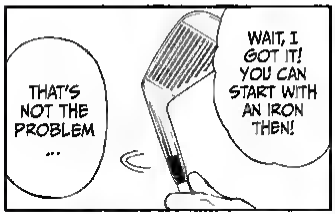
LIKE WOOOSH
A DRIVER! TRY HITTING WITH IT!
WHAT ?

IT'S OKAY . YOU HIT IT, TOMOYA.
IF I DO THAT, IT'S POINT-LESS!


WAIT, I GOT IT! YOU CAN START WITH AN IRON THEN!
THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM ...

LET ME SEE YOUR PERFECT SWING!!
OKAY ?
HM ...

FINE... ONE BALL FOR NOW...

TAP...
SST...
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SWI...

THUD
WUSH

I'VE FOUND HIM!!
IT'S THAT GUY FROM BEFORE !!
THERE'S NO MISTAKING IT...
FWOOSH
ZWOOM!
THUD!

AMAZING !!
YOUR SHOTS HERE ARE JUST GONNA HIT THE NET IN MIDFLIGHT, BUT...
EITHER WAY, YOU'RE AWE-SOME!!
ROBO'S LASER BEAM!!

HERE, IT'S YOUR TURN
WHAAAT ?!
Really, just one ball?!
I'M GOING TO THE BATH-ROOM.
OKAY ...
GULP...
EVEN I CAN ...!

Y...
YOZAN MIURA ?!
ペけ FWOOSH
ぺひ FWOO
HEY! YOU !!
DASH
W...
WHAT ?!
YOU'RE ...
...?
YEAH ?

I DON'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT YOU, BUT...
I'VE FINALLY FOUND YOU!!
DUNK
SRIXON
...LET'S SEE WHO'S BETTER!!
...?
WHA...
WHAAAAT?!
TO BE CONTINUED...

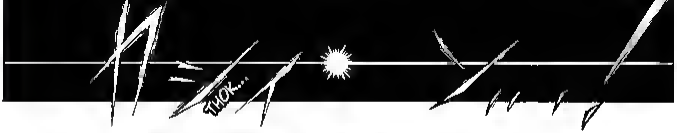
JUMP START!

A TASTE OF WHAT'S NEW IN JAPAN

ROBOTX LASERBEAM

By Tadatoshi Fujimaki

Round 2: Morning Robo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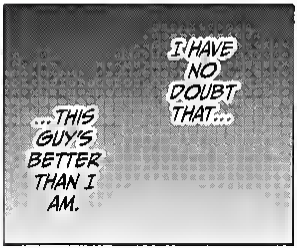
I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT...
...THIS GUY'S BETTER THAN I AM.

I WANT TO MEET HIM AT LEAST ONCE
THAT SOUND KEEPS RINGING IN MY EARS
IT WON'T GO AWAY, AND I CAN'T GET IT OUT OF MY HEAD!

WHO COULD THIS GUY BE?!

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U-UM...
WHAT THE..?

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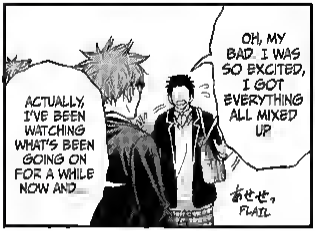
H-HEY...
ROBO-KUN!!

...
GOLF CLUB! JOIN IT!!
GOOONG
HNGH-GO...


ACTUALLY, I'VE BEEN WATCHING WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON FOR A WHILE NOW AND...
OH, MY BAD. I WAS SO EXCITED, I GOT EVERYTHING ALL MIXED UP
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WAIT A SEC, CAPTAIN!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
?
HNGH-GO-GOLF CLUB?

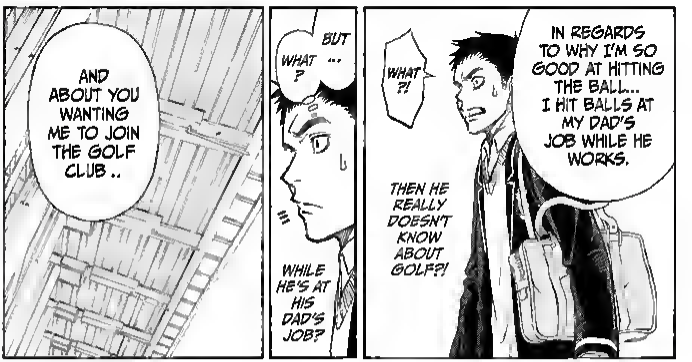
I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU PRETENDED NOT TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT GOLF, BUT...
...IN ANY CASE, COULD YOU PLEASE JOIN THE GOLF CLUB?!

ROBO-KUN!
YOU'RE EXTREMELY GOOD...
YOU'RE AN EXPERIENCED PLAYER, AREN'T YOU?!
THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD'VE HIT THE BALL LIKE THAT IF YOU WEREN'T!!

UM
...

WHAT IS THE HAGH-GO-GOLF CLUB?
THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE ASKING ?!
Follow the flow of the conversation!
IT'S THE GOLF CLUB!
THE "HAGA-GO" PART WAS JUST AIM STUTTERING.
AHH...! SO THAT'S WHAT YOU MEANT.
STOP REPEATING IT, TOMOYA! IT'S EMBARRASSING!

I UNDERSTAND NOW
SO I WILL ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS IN ORDER.
IN REGARDS TO WHETHER I'M AN EXPERIENCED PLAYER...
I AM NOT AN EXPERIENCED PLAYER.
I'VE NEVER BEEN TO A GOLF COURSE BEFORE.
I DON'T KNOW MOST OF THE RULES


IN REGARDS TO WHY I'M SO GOOD AT HITTING THE BALL... I HIT BALLS AT MY DAD'S JOB WHILE HE WORKS.
WHAT ?!
THEN HE REALLY DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT GOLF?!
BUT WHAT ...?
WHILE HE'S AT HIS DAD'S JOB?
AND ABOUT YOU WANTING ME TO JOIN THE GOLF CLUB ..

GLOOM...
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I...
I'M SO SORRY, CAPTAIN!
IN ANY CASE, I'LL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ROBO AND TRY TALKING TO HIM AGAIN..
IT'S OKAY
IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S YOUR FAULT.
EVEN THOUGH YOU WENT OUT OF YOUR WAY TO ASK...
...I HAVE TO RESPECT-FULLY DECLINE
WHAT ..?
HOWEVER, I REALLY DO WANT HIM TO JOIN.. BECAUSE HE HAS EXTRAOR-DINARY TALENT...
I CAN'T JUST LET THIS GO...

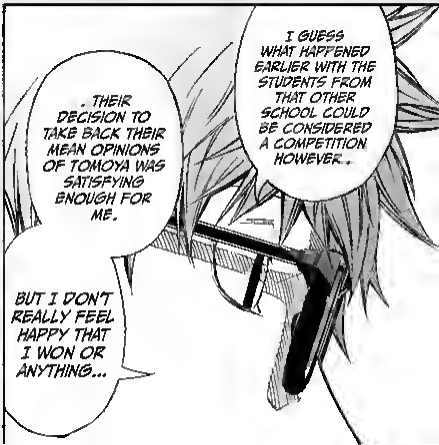
WAAAH!! ROBO, YOU IDIOT!!
LET ME TELL YOU-- YOU CAN'T JUST SAY WHAT YOU THINK!!
ばかーんっ!
OW...
He's your senpai!

WHAT'S SO FUN ABOUT GOLF?

COMPETING WITH THE IDEA OF WINNING AND DEFEATING YOUR OPPONENT--I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND THE POINT
OH...

UM... WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT...?
I TALKED TO TOMOYA ABOUT IT BEFORE, BUT...
. I DON'T HAVE ANY INTEREST IN COMPETITIONS

THAT'S WHY..
..I HAVE NO INTEREST...
I'M NOT SUITED FOR IT.
. IN PARTICIPATING IN ANY SPORT, INCLUDING GOLF.


I GUESS WHAT HAPPENED EARLIER WITH THE STUDENTS FROM THAT OTHER SCHOOL COULD BE CONSIDERED A COMPETITION HOWEVER..
. THEIR DECISION TO TAKE BACK THEIR MEAN OPINIONS OF TOMOYA WAS SATISFYING ENOUGH FOR ME.
BUT I DON'T REALLY FEEL HAPPY THAT I WON OR ANYTHING...

WHILE HE'S AT HIS FATHER'S JOB...?
COULD HE BE...!
YOU CAN'T ACHIEVE THAT KIND OF SKILL FROM UNDERSTANDING THE SWING PLANE ALONE
IN ORDER TO HIT LIKE THAT, YOU'D STILL NEED A LOT OF PRACTICE AND DISCIPLINE...
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN HOW COULD HE HAVE SUCH A PERFECT SWING?
NOT SUITED FOR IT, HUH...?
TOMOYA! DO YOU KNOW WHAT ROBO'S FATHER DOES FOR A LIVING?
HUH?
BY ANY CHANCE, IS IT RELATED TO GOLF...
IT'S NOT RELATED TO GOLF AT ALL.
HE'S A COOK.
HE GROWS HIS OWN VEGETABLES AND HE OWNS HIS OWN...I GUESS YOU COULD CALL IT A CAFÉ?
HUH...?
HE'S A COOK?!

KLINK
OKAY.
AND THEN ...
KACHI
DING!
BREAD!
FWOOSH
HOT WATER !!
BEEP BEEP
TIK
FINALLY
HEH ...
AND THEN ...
Perfect.

ROBATO!
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TMP
FUP
GOOD MORNING.
WA HA HA! YOUR TIMING IS PERFECT TODAY TOO!
WHERE'S YOUR MOM?
I WOKE HER UP
SHE SAID SHE'LL BE DOWN SOON.
OKAY, LET'S LEAVE AFTER WE EAT!
YEAH
Did you forget anything?
NOPE
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KLACH
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VROOO